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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE TOM TRACY'S REPLACEMENT, SHERROD AND I TALKED WITH BLACKBURN TODAY AND WE BELIEVE HE WILL ACCEPT THE ASSIGNMENT, ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE OFFERS WHICH WOULD BE HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE. HE IS CERTAINLY A CHOICE CANDIDATE, AND I WILL SET SENIOR ASSIGNMENTS IN MOTION TO NAIL HIM DOWN. BLACKBURN WANTS AND SHOULD HAVE SOME LANGUAGE TRAINING, WHICH WE WILL TRY TO WORK OUT. BUT IT WILL BE ESSENTIAL THAT OTHER ASSIGNEES TO ADMIN BE STRONG IN THE LANGUAGE, FOR YOU AND HE WILL HAVE TO REPLY HEAVILY ON THEM IN THAT AREA. HENCE WE THINK IT VERY IMPORTANT TO TIE SUTTON INTO A TWO YEAR ASSIGNMENT NOW TO ENSURE THAT WE DON'T LOSE THE BEST RUSSIAN SPEAKER WE HAVE TO SEND YOU.

2. YOU ARE NOW FULLY INFORMED ON THE CASE WHICH WAS TAKEN  
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UP HERE ON SATURDAY. NO FURTHER RESPONSE HERE. WE ENVISAGE WAITING UNTIL DOBRYNIN RETURNS WEDNESDAY EVENING BEFORE JOGGING THEM, BUT I WOULD BET WE WILL GET A NEGATIVE RESPONSE BEFORE THEN. VANCE

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